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EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Interesting News Compilation.

XVIII Congress.

TUESDAY, May 20.—The Agricultural Appropriation bill was passed. In the Senate also a bill for the construction of a public building at Detroit at a cost of \$300,000. In the House the Indiana contested seat case of English vs. Peelle was debated for some time, without action.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.—In the Senate thirteen bills were passed for the erection of public buildings, the amount appropriated being \$142,000. In the House a resolution was adopted confirming the right of Mr. Peelle (Republican) over Mr. English to the contested seat for Indiana, by a vote of 121 to 117. Mr. Springer moved a reconsideration, pending which a motion to adjourn was carried—119 to 118.

THURSDAY, May 22.—A bill was introduced in the Senate providing for the payment of female nurses for service during the war. The bill prohibiting the mailing of newspapers containing political advertisements was placed at the foot of the calendar. The Labor Statistics section giving the contested seat. In the case of English vs. Peelle, of Indiana, to Mr. Peelle was reconsidered, and by a vote of 130 to 127, Mr. English was given the seat. A clause that the father of the newly-admitted member had abandoned the interests of the House by attempting to influence votes in the case, was ordered to be investigated.

FRIDAY, May 23.—In the Senate a bill was passed to establish in the Interior Department a Bureau of Labor, at an expense not exceeding \$25,000 per annum. The Commissioner is to collect information on the subject of labor and its relation to capital, the hours of labor, and all other labor statistics. The Pension Appropriation bill was passed. In the House a bill was passed appropriating \$300,000 to pay certain quartermaster claims, one-half of which is due to citizens of Tennessee. At the evening session forty-two pension bills were passed, including one giving fifty dollars per month to the widow of General Ord.

From Washington.

At twenty-six leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 17th were \$1,163,732, against \$1,021,023 the previous week, indicating an improvement in business.

For the week ended on the 17th the issue of standard orders, viz., \$28,000, and for the corresponding period last year, \$35,000.

It was agreed on the 20th in the House Committee on Military Affairs to report a bill providing that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors shall be given preference in appointments to civil offices.

According to the views of ex-Speaker Roscoe Conkling, the bill will be ready to adjourn May 25.

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The honor of accepting the nomination, however, he says, belongs to the candidate for the Presidency of the Republic, who can not be too highly appreciated.

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It has been decided by the Dakota Su-

preme Court that the Capital Commission

was validly organized, reversing Judge Edgerton's decision in the Supreme Court.

An appeal had been taken to the United States Supreme Court, and until the latter's decree is entered the Capitol will remain at Yankeetown.

Rev. Dr. GEORGE WORTHINGTON, of Detroit, Mich., has been elected Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska by the council of that diocese.

AN oil company in the Atlantic Refining Company in the city of Philadelphia, was struck by lightning on the 23d, the flames spreading rapidly, and in a short time a loss of \$10,000 was caused.

Business was resumed by the Penn Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 23d, and its doors were kept open until five p.m., during which time \$30,000 were deposited, and cashed stock wholly ruined.

THE COURT at Madrid, Spain, was opened by the King on the 20th with a speech from the throne. He said the Government had been reluctantly informed that the Spanish Anarchists were closely united with the Socialists of Germany, the Nihilists of Russia, the Anarchists of France, and even the Fenians of Ireland and America, and he said measures would be taken to rid Spain of such disturbers.

A serious conflict was reported to have occurred at Llanes, Mex., on the 20th between the troops and the people, and fears were expressed that a revolution had begun, which would spread to all sections of the party passed in Chicago in 1882, declaring the right of equal suffrage and wages for women with men, and denouncing the liquor-license laws as co-partnership with crime.

CARWRIGHT, the leader of the Opposition, in a speech in the Canadian Parliament on a few evenings ago, said the present unrest of the Canadian people could be done away with in three ways—an association to the United States, independence, and the federation of all the English people of the world.

AT AYHAB, in British Burmah, a terrific cyclone occurred a few days ago, destroying thousands of houses and killing many people.

IN Liverpool, Eng., a recent fire destroyed a warehouse and 1,200 bales of cotton. Loss, \$300,000.

SEVERAL EARTHQUAKES shocks were felt on the 21st throughout the peninsula of Cuyas, Asia Minor. Several villages were damaged, many houses were destroyed and twenty persons were killed.

THE SCOURING RACE at Sydney, Australia, was won on the 22d by Hanian, the Canadian oarsmen, defeating Laycock, the Australian champion, by half a length.

TO survey a deficiency of \$2,700 in its accounts on the 29th hosted by the Cincinnati Dramatic Festival Association, the total receipts from the recent enterainment amounted only \$10,700.

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and other fibers, dairy and farm products.

Delegates were present from twenty

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ROMANCE OF A TIDE.

"I'll mark this hat," said a factory girl, "as she sowed her name in the silk lining. You will soon find duke or westward ear."

"Will you be true to me?" said the girl, "and who, romantic, as such are we?"

"Will offer his wealth and his love,

"Will bear me away to a quiet home,

"When I am dead, I trust to know not where to go."

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N. Y. Journal.

MISS ENDICOTT.

Miss Endicott was an old maid. If was to believe her friends and neighbors; she no longer went out to garments, and as for hiring, they said she could not give it up because she had never taken it up.

"Why, I don't believe she ever had such a thing as a proposal in her life," said Mrs. Snow, and Rev. Mr. Snow wondered if it were wrong for a clever man not to dislodge his wife's mind of such an error. Miss Endicott had accepted the verdict of her friends without a demur, and seemed resigned. What did it signify? If she had been in love, was it her fault? She had once believed that the time would come, had waited and watched, for her hero, but he had delayed, and now she was passive, and her heart always loved youth and beauty, and she no longer expected him. She had her interests, her poor people, her books, her friends, and if these did not satisfy, she said nothing about it. If life was a little prosaic compared with what she had expected of it, it was not because she brooded over all she had missed, and did not enjoy the sunset of the present in regarding the "light that never was on sea or land." She loved to see other women with their lovers, and she often thought at the sight of a pretty pleasure in the sight of a pretty flirtation as those most concerned. Love-making interested her impersonally; she no longer considered herself in the matter, and when men, young and old, flocked to her receptions, she took no credit to herself: they came to see the pretty girls with the bloom upon their cheeks, and were civil enough to seem interested in whatever she had to say; she did not know there was a charm in her face, dependent neither upon youth nor bloom—a sweet, attractive kind of grace, which even the pretty young girls coveted, in all she said.

"We are going to drive to the Glen to day," ventured Mr. Lawrence one summer morning, when she was visiting at the country house of her friend Mrs. Turner. "Unless you will drive with me, I shall be obliged to go alone."

"And you don't care for your own safety?"

"There is society I covet more."

"Oh, put in Miss Hughes; you needn't go alone, Mr. Lawrence; I heard Miss Scott express her belief that she would be paired off with you."

"Miss Scott was mistaken."

"That old maid!" said Miss Scott, as she quickly watched Mr. Lawrence and Miss Endicott driving off. Every day there was a little journey hither and thither, and every day it was Miss Endicott to whom Mr. Lawrence attached himself. It was Miss Endicott whom he helped up the steep paths; for whom he found the wild flowers, to whom he gave the humming-bird's nest or the Indian arrow-head, whom he joined on the veranda, with whom he searched the heavens for the comet or tracked the constellations; it was Miss Endicott whom he rowed up the creeks among the meadows, to whom he brought the birds he bagged, to whom he read Matthew Arnold's poems under the lofty pine trees or Browning on the sea-beach, for whom he sketched the glens.

"Why," pouted Miss Scott, "she is similar enough to call her 'Vera' already!"

"Hush," said their hostess, Mrs. Turner; "he has a right to call her 'Vera.' I suppose they were engaged once, but he broke the engagement. This is only friendship."

"Fiddlesticks!" declared Miss Scott.

"I don't believe in friendship."

"When friendship would look like love," quoted Miss Hughes. "I must say it's a dangerous experiment for two people who were once engaged to flirt."

"This is not flirtation; it is companionship," said Mrs. Turner.

"Where did you leave her?"

"I left her in good hands, Miss Scott."

"I thought there was something in the wind," mused Miss Scott, when the fact became known. "Mr. Lawrence was her most intimate friend; they had known each other for years and years. They had been lovers; that is, he had loved her, and she had hoped to love him, and had failed. If she began to suspect that it was not impossible, after all, that then? Many a woman has loved her in her maturity years the man whom she only liked in her youth. Was it because years had brought her the capacity for appreciation, insight and understanding? She began to wonder why the tones of his voice had never thrilled her in the old days, why she had not loved him, why he had not been her hero. Was it too late? It seemed not. He waited upon her, her glances, he loved her neighborhood; if there was a difference in this manner, was it not fear lest he be deluded himself again, lest he might seem to take too much for granted? Mr. Lawrence was hardly thirty; he was merely drifting. It had once been all the world to him to breathe in Vera's presence. There was a charm about her still, but had he a right to be charmed? He assured himself daily that he was not seeking love—nobody could mistake him. In old days he had been so different, so full of enthusiasm, so devoted; this was only a platonic affair between two hearts which understood each other. Was it not Lamartine who once said "A woman could have no such friend as another woman's lover" or something of the kind? Besides, Vera had no love left, even in the old times; he had polluted himself for awhile, but it was she herself who had delegated him to the bleak region of indifference when he had poured out his affection upon her. Why should she make any mistake now?

They had been out gathering wild flowers one afternoon.

"This herbaceous," he said, "will be a kind of floral diary to me. I can read the history of the summer days among its leaves; the date in which we discovered each favorite specimen will rise up like lovely ghosts before me when I open the volume; I will see again the paths we followed, the little clouds moving across the sky. I will hear your voice again; your words will echo in my."

"You are becoming a poet," said Vera, as Mr. Lawrence paused, with his eyes fixed on the veranda.

"I know you will be shocked to see me," said the young girl who stood smiling and holding out a dimpled hand, "but it is not my fault."

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A Time for Serious Deliberation.

The time is at hand in the politics of the country when first voters must choose between the two great parties. The revolutionary programme could not have been carried out by the Legislature last winter without the resistance of Republicans "Straight-out," and if they chose to continue the alliance they have a perfect right to act according to their convictions. There is one thing certain, however, the National Republican Convention will not permit them to do as by men of ripe age. Yet the intelligence of the rising generation is so general and the education of young Americans so universal that it is expedient to find men of from twenty to thirty years of age who have not a good idea of the merits of the two parties that now appeal for the people's suffrage.

The Republican party occupies the point of vantage, both in position and in strength. Its work endures, and its vitality is not yet spent. The purposes for which the party was organized, and the events which have demanded its perpetuation, have been, and are, of supreme importance. A quarter of a century of the country's greatest and most momentous history is the history of the Republican party, as distinguished from all other political organizations. The record of the Democratic party must be sought in the refuse, the week-end failures that have shamed the path of national progress. Not one of the living principles of the American republic is Democratic in its origin. The attitude of that party has been one of open hostility to all that is excellent and desirable in public policy. It is needless to recount the things that have been done by the former and opposed by the latter. Without exception the record has been made up in the manner above indicated.

For the man about to cast his first vote and to offer his allegiance to one or the other of the two parties, this is a time for serious deliberation. The country needs the help of every true, strong, patriotic citizen, and no less does the conscientious citizen demand the fellowship of men of principle, composing a party whose purposes are good and whose character is established. It is parallel to going into business—and politics is a most serious business. On the one hand there is a house established and successful in every undertaking during twenty-four years. On the other is a firm bankrupt in 1869, devoid of principle, without commercial sagacity, and whose paper has been protested all over the land. What firm will you enter? Under the tutorage of which will you begin the serious business of citizenship?

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1884.

LOCAL ITEMS.

SALLING, HANSON & CO.'S
PRICE LIST.

[Corrected Weekly.]

One No. 2 white, per bushel, 49 cents.
Meat Oats per bushel, 1 cent.
May 29th, per ton, \$1.00.
Bacon cooked feed, per ton, 30 cents.
Two lbs. per ton, 28 cents.
Meat flour, roller meal, per barrel, 50 cents.
Our Butter, process, per barrel, 60 cents.
Our Butter, process, 15 to 20.
Extra meat, bacon, per barrel, 21 cents.
Refined lard, per pound, 12 cents.
Bacon, meat, cured ham, per pound, 14 cents.
Meat meal, per pound, 8 cents.
Cheer pork, meat, per pound, 10 cents.
Extra bacon, ham, 12 cents.
Dried Beef, per pound, 8 cents.
Butter, meat, bacon, per pound, 14 cents.
Fresh eggs, butter, per pound, 37 cents.
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 10 cents.
O. G. Java, ground, per pound, 25 to 30 cents.
Flint's Golden Arrow, per pound, 35 cents.
Ella's Ararat, rice, per pound, 22 cents.
Teas, green, per pound, 20 cents.
Teas, black, per pound, 7 to 12 cents.
Sugar, Extra C. per pound, 8 to 12 cents.
Rice, granulated, per pound, 9 to 12 cents.
Cream, powdered, per pound, 11 cents.
OIL, water white, per gallon, 20 cents.
Potash, muriatic, 15 to 20 cents.
Portuguese pickled, per hundred, 8 cents.
Syrup, maple, per gallon, 20 cents.
Fresh molasses, per gallon, 40 cents.
Molasses, per gallon, 40 cents.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.

Mr. C. B. Johnson lost a fine horse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor were down from Forest, last Sunday.

The mill has discontinued its night run for the present.

F. B. Rose is running the tug engine on Portuguese Lake.

Mr. John Evans is home from Pennsylvania, and engaged in putting in spring crops on his farm.

Overseer of highways, J. O. Underly has begun business.

The township of Grove will build a new bridge this summer over the North Branch, in 27-1.

The removal of the fence in front of the Lawson House improves the appearance of the hotel.

A few bushels of White Star Potatoes for seed, for sale at the Post Office.

Lost.—A plain gold ring. The finder will please call at Robinson's barbershop.

Oil has been discovered near Cheboygan at the depth of 220 feet while sinking a well—at least it smells so.

C. W. Wright's shingle mill at Fredericksburg, has shut down for the present, for the want of timber.

Great prospect for huckleberries in this country, if the frost should forget to ripen them these cool mornings.

Mr. A. Critt, has located a home, stand on Sec. 28 town 27 n. 1 w., and is erecting a house.

W. L. Brown & Co., of Fredericksburg, have their shingle machine in operation, and are manufacturing a first class quality of shingles.

Mr. G. C. McMillan has located a homestead on Sec. 30 town 27 n. 1 w., and has his house up about five acres cleared and plowed.

For Sale, a partly improved farm, with buildings, near Grayling, containing eighty acres. Inquire of Main J. Conning.

At a special election in Beaver Creek, last Saturday, the citizens voted to raise money for building a townhouse, by a majority of nineteen.

Parties contemplating engaging in business of any kind, in this village, will find it to their advantage to call at A. H. Swarthout's office.

We understand that C. J. Miller, of the Herald, was arrested for libel, on Tuesday last. Particulars not known.—Ex.

Mr. P. Rasmussen has gone to Bay City to attend to unloading lumber and reloading on barges, for eastern shipments, for Salling, Hanson & Co.

A heavy rain and wind storm at Farwell, on the 23d inst., destroyed considerable property and broke nearly all the windows on the south side of buildings.

Big sales of lots last week on the Roffee addition. Go and examine lots and get prices at A. H. Swarthout's office.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, next Sunday, at the usual hours, morning and evening. Sunday School at 12 o'clock, directly after morning services.

More people are poisoned by refugators than by sewer gas. Buy the Leonard Dry Air Refrigerator, with movable filter for cleanliness and all danger will be removed. For sale at Traveller's Furniture Rooms.

There will be a Tea Social, held in the M. E. Church, next Friday Evening—at half past 7 o'clock—admission, adults 25 cents—children 10 cents. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purpose of purchasing books for the Sabbath School.

Miss Jennie Van Tyle, of Gaylord, has been appointed a student to the State normal school, by representative Palmer, of this district.

Roy, a 5-year old son of Claus Curtis, of Vanderkilt, was kicked in the face by a horse. His face was badly cut, but he escaped more serious hurt.

The United States court opened in Port Huron Tuesday, Judge Brown presiding. A large amount of business is on the docket.

The M. C. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to East Saginaw on June 2d to 4th inclusive at one fare, \$3.20, for the round trip, on account of the State Band Tournament.

A. H. Swarthout starts Monday morning for Chicago to attend the Republican National Convention as alternate delegate from 10th district.

Dr. Davis, the County Treasurer, states that the Primary School and Library monies are ready for distribution. Township treasurers will take heed and govern themselves accordingly.

The leap-year party at the Opera House last Friday evening, although an impromptu affair, was one of the most pleasant imaginable. In fact, it could not well be otherwise, as any project undertaken by the ladies of Grayling is carried to perfection.

Preparations for laying a new sidewalk on the north side of Michigan Avenue are under way, which we trust will soon be completed. The south side should next receive attention as it is in bad condition in many places.

J. S. Wilson of Leslie, Mich., has been in the city during the week visiting friends. He came to be present at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bonnell of this township, which occurred yesterday. Mr. Wilson is a comrade in the G. A. R., and met with Marvin Pease last evening.

Secretary Orino Strong, of the Michigan Press Association, is loudly bemoaning the coming meeting, which is to be held in Bay City, June 24th, and followed by an excursion to Mackinac and Marquette. It is hoped there will be a general attendance of the fraternity, as there will be papers read and other business transacted of more than usual importance.

There comes from one of the new towns along the northern division of the Michigan Central, a weird, but true tale of a newly wedged Justice of the Peace, who fined a man for assault and battery, and then turned the fine over to the complainant.—Detroit News. It was not a Grayling Justice. They turn over nothing.

David Stone, the man who was arrested on the 23d inst., near Hillsdale, who was charged with having outraged and murdered his little niece, made a full confession. He confessed his guilt on Sunday night to the prosecuting attorney and sheriff, and on Monday he was tried and sentenced to solitary confinement for life.

7. The stock interests of this country are the most profitable to engage in. The experience of stock men is that all monies invested in hogs, cattle and mules, is better than 30 percent on the investment. It costs not to exceed \$8.00 per head, per annum, to raise cattle and mules until they are 3 years old, when they are ready for market.

Our market areas as good as Buffalo and New York City, being only eight hours from St. Louis.

I desire to say that very many could better their fortune by coming to this country, looking at it from every stand point, and my experience thus far. If any person desires more explicit information regarding the country let them address T. B. Dowd, of this place, who is reliable, and can be fully relied on.

The Detroit *Evening Journal* is trying to pin Begole down to a free trade post. If it succeeds in pinning him to anything it will do better than anyone else ever did.—*Grayling Sentinel*, 6/6.

The Democratic County Convention, for the purpose of organization, and of electing two delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Detroit, June 18th, will meet at the Court House, in the village of Grayling, on Thursday, June 12th at 2 o'clock P. M. It is hoped that there will be a full representation of every township, and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested in democratic success, as matters of importance will be brought before the convention.

G. W. LOVE, Chairman,

CORESPONDENCE.

ROLA, Phelps Co., Mo.
EDITOR AVALANCHE—Dear Sir:

I desire through the medium of your valuable paper, to answer a few of many questions asked by my old friends and neighbors, who are stirring around the bright wood fires in old Crawford county. As brevity is in order with an editor, I will say:

1. I have no desire to return to Michigan to reside, as I find this climate and country more congenial and better adapted to the wants of men of better means:

2. The surface of the country is still, and in places broken and rocky. The soil is a loam, with clay sub-soil. The timber consists of the various kinds of oak, walnut, hickory, blackberry, etc.

3. This country is said to be the best watered of any county in the state. I do not think there is a section of land but what has living water on some portion of it.

4. We have no swamps or marshes, our "waste land" is all above ground, in the form of breaks, ravines and rocky points, and rises as pasture land, being covered with a fine growth of luxuriant grasses, on which cattle can graze at their own free will nine months in the year.

5. The soil is productive, all grains such as wheat, oats, corn, rye, barley and vegetables of every variety. Also such fruits as apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, plums, apricots, cranberries and berries of every kind are produced.

6. Among the grasses we find red and white clover, timothy, red top, orchard and blue grass. Clover seems to be indigenous to the soil, and when once thoroughly set it seems almost impossible to eradicate it, and each blossom from early spring until fall, are filled with seed.

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D. H. SHOPE.

FRUITLAND, Mich., May 26, '84.

Editor AVALANCHE—Bursting buds and springing vegetation impart fresh vivacity to the face of nature. Copious showers and gentle zephyrs are powerful auxiliaries in producing the change so pleasant to look upon and so much to be desired by those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Farmers generally are busily engaged in sowing grain and preparing the ground for potatoes and corn.

We notice with pleasure that several of our citizens have put out shade trees on their premises, and thereby adding to the beauty of our little village.

Those who are addicted to the habit of imbibing intoxicants, are obliged to go to Grayling now, and thereby satisfying the cravings of their foolish appetite.

A little child of Mr. Flegg, our blacksmith, was quite severely burned on its hands the other day.

We noticed a spring tooth harrow arrive on the north-bound freight, and we hope to see more, as they are, in our estimation, a valuable implement for pulverizing the soil.

Miss Lettie E. Barker has taken up her abode with her brother-in-law, Mr. Valorous Bruce, editor of the Big Rapids Current. She leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances behind her, to regret her departure. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who are getting quite advanced in years, have made quite a sacrifice in sparing the price of their declining years, believing it to be for their daughter's good. I know the mother must feel with Mrs. Demens:

"And in the home where thy bright smile with thee, when self the sunny day turned from its door away."

While though its chambers wandering weary, home, for the voice which passed me still went like a singing rift."

We sympathize with the parents, but wish Miss Lettie had spent the best of success.

SARSAPARILLA.—The facility with which spurious medicines have been palmed off upon the public, apt to impair confidence in a genuine article. We can, however, assure our readers that in Wm. Johnston & Co.'s excellent preparation of Sarsaparilla, they will suffer no disappointment. It is the preparation of a practical chemist and we are bold to say, unrivaled in its soothing influence on the blood. Such an article, at this season of the year, when the blood needs purifying, is indispensable.—Detroit Tribune.

MARRIED.

On the 25 inst., by T. B. Hastings, J. P., Mr. Seymour W. Baker and Miss Annie C. Quinn, both of Beaver Creek.

BRIDGE NOTICE.

I hereby notify the public that I have removed the bridge over the South Branch of the Ausable river, sec. 29 town 25-1 West.

H. SCHREIBER, Com.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING SCHOOLHOUSE.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at his residence in Beaver Creek township, at 10 o'clock, a. m. on May 22d, for the erection of a school house in Dist. No. 5, Beaver Creek twp., Crawford Co., Mich., specifications can be seen at any time.

The names of bondsmen and the board claims

the right to reject any and all proposals.

A. H. ANXIS, Director.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL R. R.

TIME-TABLE — MACKINAW DIV.

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